(d) if so, what were the main points mentioned by the Planning Commission and to what extent they have been incorporated in the strategy to boost exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Farmers sent to jail for non-payment of loans

3413. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of farmers sent to jail for non-payment of loans of nationalised banks; stating the details, datewise;

(b) whether Government propose to write off the loans of farmers throughout the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

(b) and (c) It has been the consistent stand of RBI that generalised waivers of loans are harmful to the credit system. Such action vitiates the recovery discipline and adversely affects the viability of financial institutions as well as their capacity and capability to recycle funds. There is, therefore, no proposal to issue any orders for a general write off of loans.

CBI prosecution against Gram Nirman Mandal, Gaya and AFRD

3414. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I. has launched prosecution against Gram Nirman Mandal, Gaya and Avard Foundation for Rural Development (AFRD);

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether all the cases reported by the Kudal Commission for criminal conspiracy and falsification of accounts are being prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. CBI has only registered two cases against these organisation, which are still under investigation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

FERA violation by Shri L. M. Thaper

3415. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri L.M. Thapar has not yet paid the penalty amount for FERA violation;

(b) what was the amount involved in FERA violation against Shri Thapar;

(c) what was the amount agreed to by Shri Thapar as penalty amount and for repayment;

(d) whether Shri Thapar has become the president of ASOCHAM after the FERA violations and Government dignitaries are visiting the functions of ASOCHAM; and

(e) what are the reasons for the delay in prosecuting Shri Thaper for FERA violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e) The adjudication proceedings against Thapar Group involving an amount of Rs. 14 crores approx. have been initiated by issue of 31 Show Cause Notices. However, the exact amount involved in contravention will be determined on completion of adjudication proceedings in respect of all Show Cause Notices. Out of 31 Show Cause Notices issued, orders have been passed in respect of three show cause notices issued to M/s. Jg. Glass Industries Ltd., Pune. The charge contained in one Show Cause Notice has been dropped and charges contained in other two show cause notices have been upheld and penalty of Rs. 25,05,000/- and Rs. 1,50,000/- have been imposed on M/s. Jg. Glass Industries Ltd. and Shri S.S. Lall, one of the Directors of the Company. Shri L. M. Thapar undertook to co-operate in adjudication proceedings which implied undertaking to repatriate the amount involved in FERA violations, determinable in such proceedings. The penalties to be levied and the decision, in respect of launching prosecution would be taken on completion of adjudication proceedings in all the cases.

Setting up of a Central Land Use Commission

3416. DR. G. VIJAY MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for setting up of a Central Land Use Commission was mooted in 1972 and if so, the action taken thereon as reported in Patriot of 13th July, 1988;

(b) whether land has been neglected for too long and if so, corrective steps proposed in the matter;

(c) whether N. D. Tiwari Committee on Environment appointed in 1980 has submitted its report and if so, follow up action taken on each of the major recommendations; and

(d) whether these recommendations have proved beneficial for land management and control of drought, floods etc.?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The issue of the setting up of a Central Land Use Commission was first examined by the Central Government in 1972 and in 1974. The State Governments were requested to set up State Land Use Boards under the Chairmanship of Chief Ministers. The State Governments have set up such Boards to review and monitor policies about land management. In its recommendations submitted to the Government in 1980, the Committee which was set up under the Chairmanship of Shri N.D. Tiwari, had recommended the setting up of a Central Land Use Commission. This was accepted by the Government and in February 1983, a two-tier body was set up as follows:--

(i) National Land Board (NLB) and

(ii) National Land Resources Conservation and Development Commission (NLRCDC). In 1985, the two-tier body was re-organised as follows:

(i) National Land Use and Wasteland Development Council (NLWC) with Prime Minister as Chairman, Union Ministers, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, Chairman, NWDR and Chief Ministers as Members.

(ii) National Land Use and Conservation Boards (NLCB) in place of NLRCDC with Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission as Chairman.